

The Minutes of Bredon Parish Council Meeting held at Bredon Village Hall on Monday 10th August 2009 at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Cllr's Ms Allen, Mrs Whiting, Mr Hardy, Mr Brown (Chairman), Mr Rhodes, Mr Handy, Mr Jenkins, Mr Darby and Mr Masters.

In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk) Cllr Hardman (County and District Councillor) CSO S Williams, Mr N Cutler, Mr M Kelly, Mr W Langdon, Mr and Mrs M Marshment, Mrs M Gordon, Mr J Verrechia, Mr A Frampton, Mr A Jaynes, Mrs H Newborough and three parishioners.

Mrs H Newborough expressed her concern at the footpath between Waterloo Way and the Cheltenham Road, the footway has sunk, and the area has been reported to Highways but apart from the placing of a bollard, nothing has been done.

Mr Jaynes "for over a year I been trying to get Worcestershire County Council to do repair work on the collapsed culvert on Footpath 524 (on the entry to the field just past Westmancote Nurseries. The bank of the culvert is gradually being eroded away by the back-up of the water forcing against it. Sooner, rather than later, I fear that this path is going become un-passable. As a disabled person who relies heavily on having a motorised vehicle to travel and enjoy the countryside I am certain that this will affect me sooner than others who walk also along this popular route".

Mr N Cutler brought to the attention of the council the state of the old lay by on the Cheltenham Road.

CSO S Williams, in reply to the council's request, gave two examples of items that could stop the vandalism of the roof of the Village Hall, Bowls' and Football Club buildings. The vandalism is causing constant damage to the roofs and is a drain on all three's limited resources. The first is to paint the roofs with a paint that does not dry and will adhere to anything that touches it and the other is a metal spike that resembles razor wire which could be placed on the edge of the buildings. The metal spike is used on other community buildings and is proving to be very successful, it has to be placed at least 2 metres from the ground and there must be signage on the building to inform of its placement.

Cllr Brown commented on the vandalism not only of the buildings but that of the playing field and the playground equipment. The Bredon Community Play and Recreation Group (BCPG) is currently trying to greatly improve the leisure facilities of the village, the council as a whole is concerned about the vandalism and its cost to the community. The BCPG is currently pointing out the cost of vandalism when speaking to groups about the improvements.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mrs Wenham

2. Declaration of Interests.

Non Prejudicial - Cllrs' Darby and Handy W/09/01672/PP and W/09/01802/PP.

3. Co Option of Councillor.

The Clerk explained the process, a ballot took place, Mr J Verrechia and Mr A Frampton were co-opted on to the council.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 13th July, 2009.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Correspondence For Information. (listed on Clerks report).

As a result of an E Mail from the Football Club and verbal complaints from the Village Hall and Bowls Club, CSO S Williams had been asked to recommend solutions to the question of vandalism of the three buildings, the council agreed for Cllr Brown to investigate cost and siting of the 'Razor Wire'.

6. Invoices to Be Paid.

N Power £67.16, Village Hall £216.10, Groundwork Black Country £3,079.70, New Farms Grounds Maintenance £1,332.32, Lengthsman £132.00, Waverley TBS £2,201.84, LANT £5.00.

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SCBE Ltd £2186.10, Nisbets £297.16, Post Office £240.00, Glos County Council £40.58. Hicks Plumbing and Heating £193.20.

7. To Appoint A Representative To Bredons Norton Village Hall, Reed Close Trustees, Planning And Management Groups.

Bredons Norton Village Hall – Cllr Whiting

Reed Close Trustees – Mr John Masters

Planning Groups – It was agreed not to appoint another representative.

Management Groups – Cllr A Frampton.

8. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

b) Playing Field Support Group.

The wet pour surface has been vandalised again, as a result due to health and safety issues the large swings will be removed. Cllr Masters will try and repair the hole. Cllr Masters will supply the Tennis Club with another key for the bollard for access to the playing field. BCPG have been awarded an £10,000.00 grant from Wychavon

c) Bredon Village Hall/ Working Party.

The Parish Council now has the License for the Bar in the Village Hall with Ms J Lomasney as the Designated Premises Supervisor. The previous Licensee removed the entire bar fittings, washing machine and ice machine as well as the glasses and stock. A mobile bar was used for several events. The brewery installed some equipment but several items had to be replaced and stock for the forth coming event was ordered. Cllr Brown and Rhodes and Ms Lomasney have put in a lot of hard work to achieve this. If the Parish Council does not become the owners of the Hall the Village Hall committee will take on the licence and the Parish will be fully reimbursed. The revenue from the bar will increase the viability of the Village Hall for the future. The council agreed for security measures to be placed in the bar area.

d) Bredons Norton Village Hall.

e) Lengthsman.

Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to cut back the brambles in Blenheim Drive.

f) Clerks' Finance Working Group.

Additions and removals to the bank mandate where agreed.

g) County and District Councillor.

Apart from the Grant to BCPG, Stepping Stones another Bredon organisation received £1,000.00 from Wychavon. Cllr will investigate the items mention in the open session and report back to the next meeting. The SWJCS decision will be delayed by 6 months. Will look into the resurfacing of Lower Lane, Kinsham. There are only two outstanding recycling issue left in Bredon which the Cllrs is still trying to resolve, 47% of Bredons waste was re cycled last month an increasing amount and higher than the overall percentage in the district.

h) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

i) Parish Plan.

Cllrs and the Clerk agreed to deliver the parish plan circular.

9. Planning.

Planning Applications

- a) W/09/01612/PP 75 Queensmead, Bredon Demolition of existing side garage extension and rear conservatory, Erection of new garage and dining room extension. Recommend.
- b) W/09/01590/LB Wells Farm, Lower lane, Kinsham. Retention of internal works to listed building etc (retrospective). Await full report by conservation officer prior to our decision
- c) W/09/01672/PP Homestead, Eckington Road, Bredons Norton. Two storey rear extension. Recommend.
- d) W/09/01669/PN Land adjoining Lynfield, Chapel lane, Kinsham. Erection of a single dwelling. Recommend.
- e) W/09/01714/PP Kirklands, Main Road, Bredon. Erection of Carport and extension to store. Following objections, this building was removed from the original development plans due to its character in the conservation area and a need for its preservation. To amend extend or alter this building now would be to ignore the previous comments and recommendations of all parties.

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- f) W/09/01802/PP Aldwick View, Eckington Road, Bredon. Proposes conversion of garage to form new dining room, bedroom and shower room with detached garage workshop and storage to rear and formation of new driveway.
Recommend Rejection. The same applicants had their original application (6/9/2007) turned down because it failed to respect the scale of the original dwelling. We objected to that application. The Planning Officer considered that the proposed alterations would result in a structure that was substantially larger than the original building which would seriously detract from its character, contrary to Policies SD6 and CTC1 of the Worcestershire County Structure Plan, and Policies GD1, GD2, SUR1 & SUR6 of the Wychavon District Local Plan. The applicants submitted a revised application (15/1/2008) which addressed these concerns by reducing the scale of the development and maintained some of the original character. The new application was approved, and we supported it. The Case Officer recommended approval because the new design was more sympathetic in scale and maintained a clear divide between the dwelling and the garage. This application seeks to go against all previous recommendations and decisions.

Approval Notices.

- a) W/09/01207/PP 50 Hill Close, Westmancote, Bredon, Tewkesbury, GL20 7EW
Extension to form new kitchen and dining room at rear of dwelling.
- b) W/09/01464/PP 1 Grange Field Road, Bredon, Tewkesbury, GL20 7AZ Conservatory to rear of property
- c) W/07/00192/PN Location: Brookfield Farm, Manor Lane, Bredons Norton, Tewkesbury, Description of amendment: Brick plinth in place of stone plinth around base of two dwellings. Brick soldier course instead of stone lintel. Resiting of garage to unit 2. Approved drawing numbers 09-10-14, 09-09-02 Rev A, 09-09-01 Rev A, 09-09-03 Rev A, 09-10-03, 09-10-02 Rev A.
- d) W/09/01389/PP Wychend, Eckington Road, Bredon. Proposed conservatory to rear of the property.

Planning Appeal

APP/H1840/E/09/2109137/WF Pound Cottage, Westmancote, Bredon, Tewkesbury, GL20 7ES Creation of a Cotswold stone built 'outshot' extension to the east of the property to form snug and replacement of 1980's utility block with new, pitched roofed, building and glazed link structure.

Cllrs Darby and Rhodes are attending a meeting with Ms E Salter, Housing Services at Wychavon to discuss the need for Social Housing in the parish.

10. To Review Clerks Salary.

Cllr Brown proposed, Cllr Handy seconded and it was unanimously agreed for the Clerk to join the Worcestershire County Council Pension Scheme.

11. To Discuss The Recent Report On The Play Area.

The maintenance of the Play Area will be reviewed again in November.

12. To Discuss The Footway Between The Jubilee Car Park And Brensham Court.

As there is currently not a footway, Highways has inspected and will report back to the council.

13. To Discuss Rate Relief Application No. 500182343.

It was agreed by all voting Cllr's to support this application in principle. Cllr Hardy abstained from voting

14. Items For Future Agenda.

Flood Work (Cllr Brown)

15. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 14th September 2009